NEW FOREST NON-NATIVE PLANTS PROJECT

REPORT TO STEERING GROUP MEETING ON 1 OCTOBER 2013

Report covering the period 1 May 2013 – 31 August 2013

Catherine Chatters New Forest Non-Native Plants Project Officer 1 September 2013

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Publicity

Press releases

HIWWT issued the following press releases on behalf of The New Forest Non-Native Plants Project between 1 May and 31 August 2013:-

- Press release issued on 9 May 2013 to attract volunteers to pull balsam and join work party on 22 May 2013 to coincide with International Day for Biological Diversity (press release prepared jointly with the Environment Agency)
- Press release issued on 9 July 2013 relating to 3rd Romsey Cubs and 3rd Romsey Scouts pulling balsam at Southbrook Farm on Cadnam River
- Press release issued on 8 August 2013 relating to RINSE training event for horticulturalists at Exbury on 11 September 2013

Publications and websites

- Article in Hampshire Chronicle on 16 May 2013 to attract people to pull balsam and join work party on 22 May 2013 (International Day for Biological Diversity)
- Article in The Herald No 270 (9 30 May 2013) to attract people to pull balsam and join work party on 22 May 2013 (International Day for Biological Diversity)
- Note in HIWWT members' e-newsletter sent out on 16 May 2013 to attract people to join balsam-pull work parties
- Article in Romsey Advertiser on 17 May 2013 to attract people to pull balsam and join work party on 22 May 2013 (International Day for Biological Diversity)
- Article in the Lymington Times on 18 May 2013 to attract people to pull balsam and join work party on 22 May 2013 (International Day for Biological Diversity)
- Item in Southern Daily Echo 'Nature Notes' on 22 May 2013 to attract people to volunteer to pull balsam
- News item in June 2013 edition of Hampshire Life magazine (page 49) to attract volunteers to pull balsam
- Item in 'The Lymington Directory' Issue 50 June/July 2013 to attract volunteers to pull balsam
- Article in RINSE newsletter Issue 3 (June 2013) relating to *Crassula helmsii* conference in March 2013
- Article in Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council Newsletter (Issue 184, June 2013) to attract people to volunteer to pull balsam
- Item in Southern Daily Echo on 10 June 2013 to attract volunteers to pull balsam at Burley
- Item in Southern Daily Echo 'Nature Notes' on 26 June 2013 to attract volunteers to pull balsam
- Article in 'New Forester' magazine to attract volunteers to pull balsam (page 27)
- News item in HIWWT 'Wildlife' magazine Summer 2013 relating to *Crassula helmsii* conference in March 2013

- News item in HIWWT 'Wildlife' magazine Summer 2013 relating to training day for anglers and fishermen in February 2013
- Article in HIWWT 'Wildlife' magazine Summer 2013 relating to land advice which featured Jeffrey Thomas of Southbrook Farm where the NFNNPP has helped to control Himalayan balsam on the Cadnam River
- Item on website of the 3rd Romsey Scouts (dated 10 July) relating to their balsam-pull on the Cadnam River held on 27 June 2013 at Southbrook Farm
- Article in Southern Daily Echo Saturday 13 July 2013 with photo of 3rd Romsey Cubs pulling balsam at Southbrook Farm
- Article in Lymington Times 17 August 2013 relating to RINSE training event for horticulturalists at Exbury on 11 September 2013
- Article in The Southern Daily Echo on 20 August 2013 relating to RINSE training event for horticulturalists at Exbury on 11 September 2013



3rd Romsey Scouts helped to pull Himalayan balsam at Southbrook Farm on 27 June 2013. The event features on their website www.3rdromseyscouts.org.uk "We all enjoyed the balsam-pulling" said Scout leader Sarah Beaman "it was great fun and very satisfying, especially seeing the huge heap of pulled-up plants at the end of the evening".

Liaison with landowners and managers

The following landowners/managers were met between 1 May – 31 August 2013:-

- Aaron Lawford 9 May 2013
- Robin Simpson, Beeches Brook Fishery 21 May 2013
- Kim Bradshaw, Beeches Brook Fishery 21 May 2013
- Charles Powell 31 May 2013
- Penny Hill 31 May 2013

- Richard Skinner 3 June 2013
- Janet James 14 June 2013
- John Smith, Cadnam Lodge 26 June 2013
- John and Judy Whitlock 2 July 2013
- Clare Ellis-Dawe 3 July 2013
- Caroline O'Callaghan 4 July 2013
- Stephanie Alford 11 July 2013
- Tony and Brenda Jaillor 11 July 2013
- Chris and Julie Nairn 18 July 2013
- Vanessa Restall 19 July 2013
- Adam Smith 23 July 2013
- Marie Osman 26 July 2013
- June Tonkyn 27 July 2013
- Lady Kara Hawks 31 July 2013
- Jamie Darby 31 July 2013
- Hilary Brand 12 August 2013
- Professor and Mrs Daley 14 August 2013



Landowner Julie Nairn (in centre of photo) kindly provided afternoon tea for thirsty balsam-pullers after their work party along the Cadnam River on 18 July 2013. Such gestures demonstrate landowners' appreciation of all the hard work undertaken by volunteers on behalf of the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project.

Julie Nairn e-mailed the Project Officer on 19 July 2013 to say "Thank you and your volunteers once again for doing a rip-roaring job for us and others. It is very much appreciated".

Liaison with other Projects and Organisations

<u>Liaison with Sal Davies, Invasives Project Officer, BEACON Bollin Environmental Action and Conservation (National Trust)</u>

Sal Davies who is based in Cheshire e-mailed the Project Officer on 24 July 2013 to request photographs of areas where American skunk cabbage has become very invasive in the New Forest area. She said "We had about 5 plants in the catchment here (and counting), and all the landowners thought I was being daft insisting they dig up, or let me dig up, the one measly in their ditch or woodland. If I had some photographic evidence of how invasive American Skunk Cabbage can be, they might not think I was being so particular!"



On 25 July 2013 the Project Officer sent Sal Davies some photos of American skunk cabbage growing in the New Forest and directed her to the report by Neil Sanderson on the GBNNSS website.

Liaison with Amanda Bradbury of Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

Amanda Bradbury of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust contacted the Project Officer during summer 2013 to request samples of creeping water primrose and parrot's feather so they could be preserved and used in display materials at WWT education / visitor centres. The Project Officer arranged to meet Amanda Bradbury on 7 August 2013 with Rachael Ruddle of 'Flower Preservation Workshop' to help them collect plant material for Rachael to preserve in resin.



Rachael Ruddle of 'Flower Preservation Workshop' collecting creeping water primrose at Breamore Marsh on 7 August 2013



Amanda Bradbury of WWT and Rachael Ruddle of 'Flower Preservation Workshop' at Breamore Marsh on 7 August 2013



Amanda Bradbury of WWT with cattle amongst the creeping water primrose at Breamore Marsh on 7 August 2013

Liaison with Enterprise Mouchel

Pete Newbold of Enterprise Mouchel contacted the Project Officer and explained that he was helping to organise displays at an event held between 13 – 17 May 2013 aimed at raising awareness about environmental matters including invasive non-native plants. The Project Officer lent him a plastic tank of *Crassula helmsii* for use in the display.

Capital works undertaken between 1 May – 31 August 2013

Giant hogweed control along the Avon Water

Two herbicide treatments of giant hogweed have been undertaken along the Avon Water by Matthew Cheetham of Southern Counties Forestry and by Kevin Ackerman of Food and Environmental Ltd.

After undertaking his second giant hogweed treatment this year, Kevin Ackerman commented on the balsam-pulling undertaken by New Forest Non-Native Plants Project along the Avon Water during 2013. He observed "the Balsam pull along the Avon Water looks amazing! Huge piles and also made the giant hogweed control more straight forward not having to battle through the jungle!"

American skunk cabbage control

Herbicide treatment of American skunk cabbage was undertaken by Matthew Cheetham of Southern Counties Forestry at:-

- Batchley Farm (in vicinity of the Avon Water)
- Bull Hill Farm near Pilley
- in wet woodland along the Mill Lawn Brook on the Open Forest downstream of Burley
- within Lymington River Reedbeds SSSI on privately-owned land
- within Lymington River Reedbeds SSSI on HIWWT nature reserve

Bog arum control

Herbicide treatment of bog arum was undertaken by Matthew Cheetham of Southern Counties Forestry at Ipley on a tributary of the Beaulieu River.

Parrot's feather control

Herbicide treatment of parrot's feather was undertaken by Kevin Ackerman of Food and Environmental Ltd at four sites on the Open Forest on 11 July and 27 August 2013.

Himalayan balsam control

Hand-pulling of Himalayan balsam was undertaken by Ashley Basil of Ashley Basil Horticultural Services during summer 2013 along the Lymington River and its tributaries the Passford Water and the Mill Lawn Brook. The hand-pulling will be followed by patrolling to ensure that any remaining balsam plants are eradicated.

Control of invasive non-native plants on Pennington Common in 2013

Matthew Cheetham of Southern Counties Forestry has undertaken control of the following species on Pennington Common in summer 2013:-

- Himalayan knotweed Persicaria wallichii
- Japanese knotweed
- Bamboo

Practical control of Himalayan balsam by volunteers between 1 May – 31 August 2013

Work parties led by New Forest Non-Native Plants Project during summer 2013 (Led by New Forest Non-Native Plants Officer unless indicated otherwise)

- 22 May Cadnam River
- 28 May Cadnam River
- 29 May Lymington River (led by Ashley Basil)
- 30 May Avon Water at Efford
- 4 June Cadnam River
- 5 June Passford Water (led by Ashley Basil)
- 6 June Avon Water at Efford
- 7 June Passford Water
- 10 June Cadnam River (evening work party with Copythorne Scouts)
- 11 June Mill Lawn Brook at Burley
- 11 June Lymington River (Southern Water employees led by Ashley Basil)
- 12 June Cadnam River
- 12 June Passford Water (led by Ashley Basil)
- 13 June Cadnam River
- 14 June Passford Water
- 17 June Beaulieu River (with two FC Voluntary Rangers)
- 18 June Cadnam River
- 19 June Passford Water (led by Ashley Basil)
- 20 June Passford Water
- 21 June Cadnam River
- 24 June Passford Water
- 25 June Cadnam River (with BMW Finance Department)
- 26 June Cadnam River
- 26 June Passford Water (led by Ashley Basil)
- 27 June Cadnam River (evening session with Cubs & Scouts from Romsey)
- 1 July Passford Water
- 2 July Cadnam River (with staff from Environment Agency)
- 3 July Cadnam River
- 3 July Mill Lawn Brook (led by Ashley Basil)
- 4 July Avon Water
- 8 July Cadnam River
- 9 July Passford Water
- 10 July Cadnam River
- 10 July Mill Lawn Brook (led by Ashley Basil)
- 11 July Cadnam River
- 15 July Beaulieu River (with two FC Voluntary Rangers)
- 16 July Passford Water
- 16 July Cadnam River (evening session with Guides from Southampton)
- 17 July Cadnam River
- 17 July Passford Water (led by Ashley Basil)
- 18 July Cadnam River
- 22 July Cadnam River (with BMW Finance Department)
- 23 July Avon Water at Efford
- 24 July Cadnam River (with staff from Environment Agency)

- 24 July Passford Water (led by Ashley Basil)
- 27 July Cadnam River (Saturday session with Brockenhurst Guides)
- 29 July Cadnam River
- 30 July Cadnam River (led by volunteer Michael Corbett)
- 31 July 2013 Cadnam River
- 31 July Passford Water (led by Ashley Basil)
- 6 August Cadnam River
- 8 August Avon Water (with Waitrose partners)
- 9 August Avon Water
- 16 August Avon Water (led by volunteer Mary Parker)

The Project Officer was delighted by the amount of help given by so many enthusiastic volunteers during summer 2013.

At least 2,155.25 hours were generously given by more than 175 individual volunteers who pulled balsam in the New Forest area during summer 2013.

Many people who had pulled balsam in previous years returned to help in 2013. A number of 'new' volunteers became 'regulars' this season and lots of people have already expressed their willingness to return next year.



Morag Cuthbertson, one of a number of 'new' volunteers who helped pull balsam in 2013 and who immediately became one of the 'regulars'

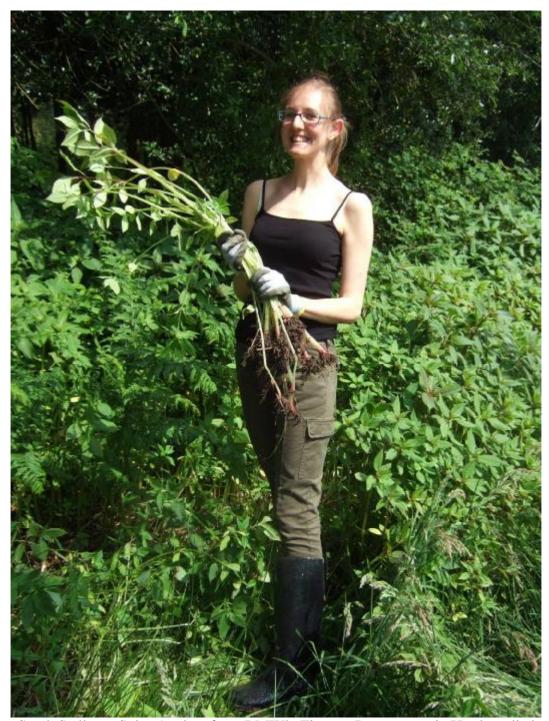
Help came from a wide range of sources including local residents, riparian landowners, Cubs, Scouts and Girl Guides, staff from BMW's Finance Department in Hook, Waitrose partners from their store in Lymington, staff from various teams at the Environment Agency and a member of staff from Lloyds Bank in Ringwood.



Staff from BMW's Finance Department pulled balsam on the Cadnam River on 25 June 2013



Staff from BMW's Finance Department pulled balsam on the Cadnam River at Southbrook Farm on 22 July 2013



Sarah Sadler, a Sales Analyst from BMW's Finance Department in Hook, pulled balsam with three of her colleagues on the Cadnam River on 25 June 2013.

"I had a brilliant time and it was really satisfying to see what everyone managed to achieve! Thanks too for the photos, I will post a few on our bulletin board with your details should anyone else outside of our team want to get involved"

Sarah Sadler, Sales Analyst BMW Group Financial Services UK



Thirsty work for Waitrose partners Simonne Vine and Nicky House from the Lymington store during their balsam pull along the Avon Water on 8 August 2013

"I thoroughly enjoyed the day and am sure I can speak for the others too. Please keep us posted when you are in need of volunteers as we are interested in helping out again".

Nicky House, Waitrose partner 9 August 2013



Waitrose partners before.....



....and after their balsam pull on the Avon Water in August 2013.

The Environment Agency contributed a significant amount of practical help during summer 2013. Tim Sykes and David Horne arranged for two Teams based at the Romsey office to join work parties along the Cadnam River and a number of individual members of EA staff from local and national teams helped with balsampulls on the Cadnam River, the Avon Water and the Passford Water.



Tim Sykes brought members of his Team to pull balsam on the Cadnam River on 2 July 2013. The photo shows Tim and his colleague Judith Beard with other volunteers and landowner John Whitlock.



Staff from the Environment Agency's West Hampshire Land and Water Team helped pull balsam on the Cadnam River on 24 July 2013. The photo shows David Horne – with stick in back row - (who organised the day with the Project Officer) and his colleagues

"Thanks very much for co-ordinating the day. Ideal weather in a lovely location with an interesting group of folk".

David Horne, Environment Officer, Environment Agency



Maxine Holden of the Environment Agency helped to pull balsam on 6 June 2013 along the Avon Water



Adrian Saunders, Fisheries Enforcement Campaigns Manager, a member of the Campaigns and Intelligence Team, in the Environment Agency's National Enforcement Service (8 August 2013, Avon Water)



Rebecca Westlake and Rebecca Long of the Environment Agency helped to pull balsam on 30 May 2013 along the Avon Water





Some of the Copythorne Scouts who helped pull balsam at Southbrook Farm on the Cadnam River on evening of 10 June 2013



Copythorne Scouts and their leaders at the end of their balsam pull on the Cadnam River on 10 June 2013



One of the 3rd Romsey Cubs who pulled balsam at Southbrook Farm along the Cadnam River on the evening of 27 June 2013



3rd Romsey Cubs were particularly enthusiastic!



3rd Romsey Cubs working hard along the Cadnam River at Newbridge



3rd Romsey Scouts pulled balsam on the Cadnam River during a rather wet evening on 27 June 2013, but their spirits were not dampened!



Guides from Southampton with their leaders who pulled balsam along the Cadnam River at Fuzzie's Farm in Newbridge on 16 July 2013



Here some of the Guides from Southampton are standing proudly on the 'mountain' of balsam that they created.





Guides from Brockenhurst who pulled balsam at Fuzzie's Farm along the Cadnam River on Saturday 27 July 2013

Balsam pulls were also led during summer 2013 by Graham Johnstone of Natural England, by Forestry Commission Voluntary Rangers with the FC's Two Trees Conservation Team and by the New Forest Area Conservation Volunteers.

A list of balsam pulls held in the New Forest area during summer 2013 is given at Appendix 1 to this Steering Group report. (NB: this list does not include balsam pulls on the River Blackwater arranged by Angela Peters of New Forest Land Advice Service or by Laura Baker of the National Trust; nor does it include balsam-pulls in the New Forest organised through the 'Source to Sea' project).

Promotional Talks

During the period 1 May – 31 August 2013 the Project Officer did not give any promotional talks to external groups. However on 22 August 2013, the Project Officer gave a presentation to the HIWWT Cross-Cutting Land Advisers' meeting on the control of giant hogweed in a landscape characterised by a highly fragmented pattern of land ownership.

Promotional Events

The Project Officer manned a display with Jo Gore (Source to Sea Field Officer) to raise awareness about invasive non-native plants at the HIWWT's Wood Fair at Roydon Woods nature reserve on 9 June 2013. Some useful contacts were made.



The Project Officer (left) and Jo Gore, Source to Sea Feld Officer (right) manning the display at the Wood Fair on 9 May 2013

Promotion of the 'Be Plant Wise' campaign and 'Check, Clean, Dry' campaigns



The 'Be Plant Wise' and 'Check Clean Dry' banners were displayed at the Wood Fair on 9 May 2013. Be Plant Wise leaflets were handed out at this event.

On 8 August 2013 HIWWT issued a press release aimed at attracting delegates to the RINSE training event to be held at Exbury Gardens on 11 September 2013. The press release was accompanied by a photograph of Robert Bayley of Romsey World of Water holding 'Be Plant Wise' display material.

Training provided by the Project Officer

The Project Officer did not hold any training events during the period 1 May -31 August 2013. However during this period the Project Officer continued to make arrangements for training events scheduled for Autumn 2013.

Volunteer survey, research and other activity

During summer 2013 the Project Officer was pleased to be able to assist a number of students or recent graduates with their research, studies and placements.

James Farr

During the evening of 17 June 2013 the Project Officer met James Farr, a mature student who is studying part-time at Sparsholt College. For his dissertation he is intending to research the location of invasive non-native plants on the River Hamble and he sought advice from the Project Officer about the scope of his research.

Jennifer Harrington

During the evening of 1 July 2013 the Project Officer met Jennifer Harrington, a second year student at Southampton University. Jennifer is intending to focus her dissertation on invasive non-native plants in the New Forest and sought suggestions for research topics. The Project Officer suggested developing the research already undertaken by volunteer Ruth Kernohan (on historical land use in the Avon Water) and linking this to the giant hogweed research being undertaken in summer 2013 by Southampton University graduates Marija Nilova and Louise Cooke.

Marija Nilova and Louise Cooke

On 12 July 2013 the Project Officer and Debbie Whitfield (HIWWT) spent the day with Marija Nilova and Louise Cooke. Marija and Louise are graduates of

Southampton University and have been selected to undertake a placement in summer/autumn 2013 with HIWWT. They agreed to undertake research to map the distribution of giant hogweed along the Avon Water. The Project Officer visited various parts of the Avon Water with the graduates to ensure that they could recognise giant hogweed at different stages of growth.



Marija Nilova and Louise Cooke with a mature giant hogweed plant that had escaped herbicide treatment during site visit with the Project Officer on 12 July 2013

Michael Corbett

Michael Corbett is currently studying for a Masters degree in Biodiversity Conservation at Bournemouth University. Following advice from Dr Rob Britton (a RINSE partner at Bournemouth University) Michael approached the Project Officer and asked to do a placement with the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project. He very helpfully and reliably assisted the Project Officer at numerous balsam pulls from 21 June 2013 and kindly agreed to lead a work party on 30 July 2013 to enable the Project Officer to attend a Team Meeting (volunteer Bob Annell kindly provided first aid cover that day). The Project Officer had hoped to enrol Michael on a two-day outdoor first aid course but unfortunately this did not prove possible, despite Michael's enthusiasm to receive the training.



Michael Corbett taking a well-earned break during lunchtime on a balsam-pull at Buckland Wood along the Passford Water on 24 June 2013.



MSc student Michael Corbett persuaded his wife Becky to join him on a balsam pull along the Cadnam River with Brockenhurst Girl Guides on Saturday 27 July 2013

Avril Mason and Janush Ratcliffe

Avril Mason and Janush Ratcliffe are BSc students at Bournemouth University who undertook placements with HIWWT at Testwood Lakes in summer 2013. Avril and Janush participated in balsam pulls with the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project.

David Howes

David Howes is currently studying for a BSc at Aberystwyth University. He did a placement with HIWWT at Testwood Lakes during summer 2013 and helped on balsam pulls with the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project.



David Howes, a placement student from Aberystwyth University, during a break from balsam-pulling along the Avon Water on 23 July 2013

Paul Moffatt and Ben Lundy

School pupils Paul Moffat and Ben Lundy did work experience with the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in Summer 2013 and both helped with balsam pulls on the Cadnam River.



Paul Moffat (left) and Ben Lundy (right) who helped with balsam pulls on the Cadnam River during July 2013.

Trials relating to control of New Zealand pygmyweed Crassula helmsii



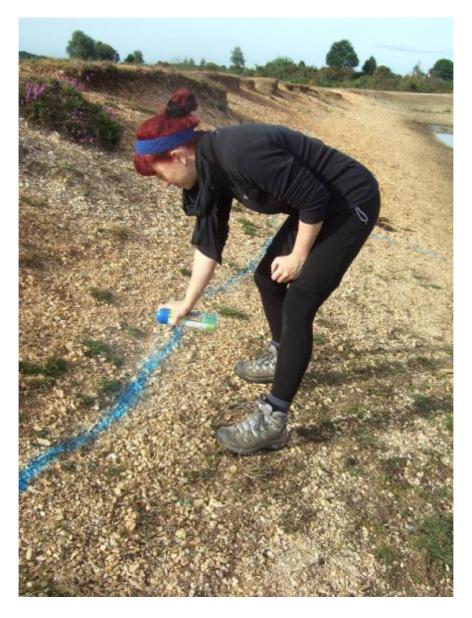
New Zealand pygmyweed (Photo: Ashley Basil)

Trials involving organic hot foam during August 2013

Since the Purchase Orders were issued to Richard Pearson during spring 2013, Mr Pearson had decided to return to agricultural contracting and is no longer involved in hot foam treatment. In the circumstances Fraser Higson of 'Weedingtech' arranged for other contractors to take on responsibility for the hot foam trials during August and September 2013.

Alisdair Mason, Development Director of LanGuard Ltd, accompanied the Project Officer on a tour of the trial sites in the New Forest on 12 August 2013 to assess the water levels in the ponds selected for treatment in 2013. Following a dry summer, the majority of the trial sites were dry and therefore suitable for treatment with the hot organic foam. Alisdair arranged for Anthony Clements and Andy Brandon to undertake hot foam treatment at the 5 trial sites between 13 August – 19 August 2013.

Prior to treatment, Dr Naomi Ewald of Pond Conservation marked out the extent of the areas to be treated using coloured spray, approved and supplied by the Forestry Commission.



Dr Naomi Ewald of Pond Conservation delineated the areas to be treated with hot foam. Here Naomi applies blue paint on Hampshire County Council's land at Abbot's Well



Anthony Clements adjusting the temperature controls on the equipment which is mounted on the 'amenity' vehicle.



Alisdair Mason of LanGuard Ltd connecting the extension to the hose at Abbot's well



Hot foam being applied by Andy Brandon at Abbot's Well on 13 August 2013. Note standing water remains in a significant proportion at the western end of this trial site, despite the dry summer of 2013



Anthony 'Clem' Clements applies the hot foam using a hand-held lance at Blackwell Common, watched by Andy Brandon. All the foam treatment during August 2013 was undertaken using this lance.



The water was contained in tanks mounted on an 'amenity' vehicle which was significantly smaller than the tractor used during the trials in 2011.



Andy Brandon applying hot foam at Hill Top on 15 August 2013. This pond remained muddy, with small patches of standing water despite the dry summer

Trails involving herbicide treatment during August 2013

On 20 August 2013 herbicide treatment was undertaken using Roundup Pro-Biactive at five trial sites by Scott Rice and George Hyde of Kingcombe Aquacare Ltd. Prior to treatment, the areas to be sprayed were marked out by Dr Naomi Ewald. The herbicide trials were undertaken at:-

- ditch and ponds east of the road across Beaulieu Heath
- pond to the east of the road at East End
- pond to the west of the road at East End
- Wootton Woodland Pond
- Canadian War Memorial Pond.





George Hyde (left) and Scott Rice (right) undertaking the herbicide trials at Beaulieu Heath and the pond to the east of the road at East End



George Hyde of Kingcombe Aquacare on 'pony duty' to keep New Forest stock away from pond to west of the road at East End until the Roundup Pro –Biactive had dried

The results of the hot foam and herbicide trials will be monitored by Dr Naomi Ewald.

Training attended by the Project Officer

The Project Officer attended Media Training at HIWWT head office on 15 May 2013, led by Louisa Hannan of the BBC.

On 16 May 2013 the Project Officer attended a one-day training session at Ower relating to the forthcoming upgrade of HIWWT computer system.

Reducing the Impact of Non-native Species in Europe (RINSE)



WP 2 – training and awareness-raising

Planning future training events in 2013

During Summer 2013 the Project Officer has progressed arrangements for two further training and awareness raising sessions to be held under WP2 of 'RINSE:-

- Training for horticultural sector at Exbury Gardens on 11 September 2013. The Project Officer met John Anderson, the Head Gardener at Exbury Gardens on 24 April 2013 to discuss arrangements for this event.
- Training for local authority countryside management staff on 28 October 2013. The Project Officer has liaised with Rachel Hardy of Eastleigh Borough Council over arrangements for this event which will be held at West End Parish Hall.

WP 3 – trials and demonstrations

The Project Officer is awaiting comments from Dr Rob Britton of Bournemouth University (a partner in the RINSE project) on the three draft reports which have been submitted:-

- Mobilising volunteers to control Himalayan balsam across river catchments
- Control of giant hogweed *Heracleum mantegazzianum* along the Avon Water in The New Forest, Hampshire, UK: A case study in controlling an invasive non-native plant in a landscape characterised by fragmented land ownership
- Control of creeping water primrose *Ludwigia grandiflora* at Breamore Marsh, in New Forest District, Hampshire, UK: A case study

The draft reports will be modified as necessary and translated into French and Dutch in due course.

On 10 June 2013 the Project Officer commissioned Dr Naomi Ewald (Pond Conservation) to prepare the RINSE report on the *Crassula helmsii* 'trial'. The draft report is to be submitted to the Project Officer in October 2013, with the final version being submitted by the end of December 2013.

As previously mentioned in this Steering Group report, the RINSE *Crassula helmsii* conference held in March 2013 features in the RINSE newsletter.

Other work

Research with Southampton Solent University

Following the meeting in April 2013 between the Project Officer, Rachel Hardy (Eastleigh Borough Council) and Dr Steve Jackson of Southampton Solent University the NFNNPP funded a 'Survey Monkey' questionnaire to be available during June, July and August 2013. The survey has been devised by Dr Jackson with input from NFNNPP and Rachel Hardy to find out what motivates people who volunteer to pull balsam. The Project Officer has suggested that Dr Jackson could present the results of his research at the conference focussing on volunteer involvement which the Project will host at Brockenhurst Village Hall on 19 March 2014.

Meeting with Environment Agency to discuss preparation of revised guidance On 8 May 2013 the Project Officer gave a presentation at a meeting hosted by the Environment Agency (attended by representatives of JBA Consulting, Natural England *et al*) in Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster to discuss preparation of revised guidance relating to the control of aquatic and riparian plants.

Appendix 1

Details of volunteer activity to control Himalayan balsam in the New Forest area during summer 2013.

Press releases—see attached sheets

Media coverage – see attached sheets

Report compiled by Catherine Chatters New Forest Non-Native Plants Officer Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust 7 September 2013

The New Forest Non-Native Plants Project is hosted by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. The Project is grateful for funding provided by a partnership of organisations:-



















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Appendix 1

NEW FOREST NON-NATIVE PLANTS PROJECT

STATISTICS RELATING TO VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED TO PULL HIMALAYAN BALSAM IN THE NEW FOREST AREA DURING SUMMER 2013

AT LEAST 175 INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS SPENT AT LEAST 2,155.25 HOURS HELPING TO PULL BALSAM IN THE NEW FOREST AREA DURING 2013

Wednesday 22 May 2013 – Beaulieu River

(Information supplied by Graham Johnstone)

Two Trees

12 volunteers

12 volunteers x 5 hours = 60 hours

Wednesday 29 May 2013 - Lymington River, below Boldre Bridge

Leader: Ashley Basil Brian Matthews Peter Swain Penny Dent Graham Baker

4 volunteers x 5 hours = 20 hours

Wednesday 22 May 2013 - Southbrook Farm, Newbridge (Cadnam River)

10am - 3pm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Madeline McKenna

Cathy Benyon

Peter Swain

John Moore

Val Wells

Phil Wells

Dave Pearson

Dave White

Heb Leman

9 volunteers x 5 hours = 45 hours

Tuesday 28 May 2013, 10am – 1pm

Fuzzies Farm, Newbridge

10am to 1pm (finished early because of rain and un-motivated group)

Craig Daters' young people with 3 female supervisors:-

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Conal

Rhys

Jordan

Kyle

Jake

George

Ryan

Dillon

Stella Vincent (Supervisor)

Sam (Supervisor)

Ellie (Superviser)

Craig Daters, HIWWT staff

8 volunteers x 3 hours = 24 hours

Thursday 30 May 2013, 10am - 3pm

Paul Dunning's river bank on west bank of Avon Water below Efford Bridge

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Mary Parker

Brian Matthews

Val Wells

Phil Wells

Mike Mawdsley

Mary Mawdsley

Rebecca Long

Rebecca Westlake

8 volunteers x 5 hours = 40 hours

Sunday 2 June 2013 – Beaulieu River

New Forest Area Conservation Volunteers

(Information supplied by Graham Johnstone and Julie Thomas)

11 volunteers (as confirmed by Julie Thomas but Graham thought there were 13 volunteers)

10 volunteers for a full day (10am – 3pm)

1 volunteer for half a day (10am to 1pm)

10 volunteers x 5 hours = 50 hours

1 volunteer x 3 hours = 3 hours

Wednesday 5 June 2013, Farwell's Lakes (Passford Water)

Leader: Ashley Basil

Mary Parker

Norman Browne

Graham Baker

Penny Dent

Dave Greatorex

5 volunteers x 5 hours = 45 hours

Tuesday 4 June 2013, 10.15am – 12.15am

${\bf Cadnam\ River\ at\ Southbrook\ Farm\ with\ young\ people\ accompanied\ by\ Craig\ Daters\ and\ Sam\ Saye\ from\ HCC}$

10.15am - 12.15pm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Craig Daters

Sam Saye (HCC)

Jake Smith

Aaron Beasley

Scott West

Matt Grav

4 volunteers x 2 hours = 8 hours

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Thursday 6 June 2013, 10am to 3pm for majority, others did more
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Avon Water

Derek Warner's land

Oliver Edwards' land

Land upstream of area owned by Efford Mill

Peter Cross's land

Tried to do Andrew Wilkes' land but too overgrown and inaccessible

Leader: Catherine Chatters Brian Matthews (9am to 5pm) Mary Parker (10am to 5pm)

Val Wells

Phil Wells

Peter Swain

Maxine Holden

Morag Cuthbertson

Jamie Baker

1 volunteer x 8 hours = 8 hours

1 volunteer x 7 hours = 7 hours

6 volunteers x 5 hours = 30 hours

Friday 7 June 2013, 10am – 3pm

Passford Water at 'Rushcroft' and Aaron Lawford's land

 $Rushcroft-east\ bank\ only$

Aaron Lawford's land

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Ashley Basil

Brian Matthews

Bob Annell

Morag Cuthbertson

Jamie Baker

5 volunteers x 5 hours = 25 hours

Monday 10 June 2013, 7.15pm – 9.15pm

Cadnam River, Southbrook Farm with Scouts

SU 29677 15397 to SU 29761 15489

Leader: Catherine Chatters

4 adult helpers

16 Scouts

20 volunteers x 2 hours = 40 hours

Monday 10 June 2013 – Beaulieu River (Information supplied by Graham Johnstone)

Two Trees

12 volunteers

12 volunteers x 5 hours = 60 hours

Tuesday 11 June 2013, Lymington River

Leader: Ashley Basil with Southern Water employees:-

A Merrett

P Beckett

Stewart McDoull

A Cuffley

Steve Turnbull

L Jaycocks

S McAuliffe

R Raner

P Lloyd

9 volunteers x 5 hours = 45 hours

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Tuesday 11 June 2013, 10am – 3.30pm

Mill Lawn Brook, Burley Grange

Southern fence line

Western fence line

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Pam Reading Zoe James

Alison Graham-Smith

3 volunteers x 5.5 hours = 16.5 hours

Wednesday 12 June 2013, Passford Water (from Rushcroft)

Leader: Ashley Basil

Mary Parker Graham Baker Jo Basil

Brian Matthews

4 volunteers x 5 hours = 20 hours

Wednesday 12 June 2013, 10am – 3pm Robinsbrook Farm on Cadnam River

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Emma West Dave White Madeline McKenna

3 volunteers x 5 hours = 15 hours

Thursday 13 June 2013, 10am – 3pm Southbrook Farm, Cadnam River

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Julie Thomas Dave Thomas Bob Annell Jean Annell

Phil Wells

Val Wells

John Moore

Dave Creasey

John Moore

Madeline McKenna

10 volunteers x 5 hours = 50 hours

Friday 14 June 2013, 10am – 3pm Buckland Wood, Passford Water

Leader: Catherine Chatters Morag Cuthbertson

James Baker Peter Swain Brian Matthews

4 volunteers x 5 hours = 20 hours

Monday 17 June 2013, 10am - 3pm

Beaulieu River on Open Forest, upstream of King's Hat car park (east bank & west bank)

Leader: Catherine Chatters Pam Reading (FC VR) Derek Tippetts (FC VR)

2 volunteers x 5 hours = 10 hours

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Tuesday 18 June 2013, 10am – 3pm Southbrook Farm on Cadnam River

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Peter Swain

Madeline McKenna

Dave White

Craig Daters

Jamie (with Craig)

5 volunteers x 5 hours = 25 hours

Tuesday 18 June 2013 – Beaulieu River (Information supplied by Graham Johnstone)

Two Trees

12 volunteers

12 volunteers x 5 hours = 60 hours

Wednesday 19 June 2013, Passford Water (from Rushcroft)

Leader: Ashley Basil

Mike Rowe Brian Matthews Mary Parker Dave Greatorex

4 volunteers x 5 hours = 20 hours

Thursday 20 June 2013, 10am – 3pm Denis Brown's land along Passford Water

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Ashley Basil Brian Matthews Val Wells Phil Wells Bob Annell Jean Annell

Morag Cuthbertson

Jamie Baker Jan Ratcliffe

9 volunteers x 5 hours = 45 hours

Friday 21 June 2013, 10am – 3pm

Cadnam River area

Peter Knight's road verge along Old Romsey Road, Cadnam

Sir John Barleycorn field

Sir John Barleycorn pub yard

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Madeline McKenna

John Moore

Jan Ratcliffe

Michael Corbett

4 volunteers x 5 hours = 20 hours

Friday 21 June 2013, Time?

Lyndhurst allotments and vicinity

Two FC Voluntary Rangers

? volunteers x ? hours = ? hours

Monday 24 June 2013, 10am to 3pm Passford Water – Buckland Wood

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Brian Matthews Michael Corbett Peter Swain

Clare Sherwood

Mary Mawdsley

Mike Mawdsley

Lorrae Wass

7 volunteers x 5 hours = 35 hours

Tuesday 25 June 2013, 10am to 3pm Southbrook Farm with BMW staff

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Madeline McKenna

Cathy Benyon

Jean Annell

Bob Annell

Emma West

Michael Corbett

Jacky Adams

Sarah Sadler (BMW)

Matthew Li (BMW)

Michael Wolfe (BMW)

Karsten Stumpf (BMW)

11 volunteers x 5 hours = 55 hours

Tuesday 25 June 2013 Time?

Passford Water

Leader: Sally Mitchell FC Voluntary Rangers

? volunteers x ? hours = ? hours

Wednesday 26 June 2013, 10am to 3pm Cadnam Lodge

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett

John Moore

Madeline McKenna

Val Wells

Phil Wells

David White

6 volunteers x 5 hours = 30 hours

Wednesday 26 June 2013, Passford Water (from Rushcroft)

Leader: Ashley Basil Brian Matthews

1 volunteer x 5 hours = 5 hours

Thursday 27 June 2013, 5.45 pm to 8.30pm (Cubs & Scouts at Southbrook Farm on Cadnam River)

Leader: Catherine Chatters

10 Cubs and 5 Cub leaders (5.45 pm to 7pm)

15 volunteers x 1.25 hours = $18 \frac{3}{4}$ hours

Then 18 Scouts and 4 Scout leaders (7pm to 8.30pm)

22 volunteers x 1.5 hours = 33 hours

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Thursday 27 June 2013 – Dark Water (as confirmed by Jean Annell, although Graham Johnstone had stated this task was on the Beaulieu River)

Two Trees

12 volunteers

12 volunteers x 5 hours = 60 hours

Sunday 30 June 2013, River Blackwater New Forest Area Conservation Volunteers Manor Farm, Plaitford

12 volunteers for a full day (10am – 3pm)

2 volunteers for a half day 910am – 1pm)

12 volunteers x 5 hours = 60 hours

2 volunteers x 3 hours = 6 hours

Monday 1 July 2013, 10am – 3pm, Buckland Wood in Passford Water, 10am to 3pm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Ashley Basil Brian Matthews Morag Cuthbertson Jamie Baker

Adrian Saunders Michael Corbett

Graham Baker (10am to 1pm)

1 volunteers x 3 hours = 3 hours

6 volunteers x 5 hours = 30 hours

Tuesday 2 July 2013 – Dark Water (Information supplied by Graham Johnstone (but Jean Annell and Derek Tippets have informed me that this task was cancelled).

Two Trees

12 volunteers

Tuesday 2 July 2013, Keeper's Cottage, Newbridge on Cadnam River

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Tim Sykes

Judith Beard

Rebecca Long

Adrian Fewings

David Hunter

Richard Redsull

Jan Ratcliffe

Michael Corbett

Paul Hennessey

Lois Wells (10am to 1.30pm)

Stephanie Alford (10am to 1.30pm)

Dave Pearson

Peter Swain

2 volunteers x 3.5 hours = 7 hours

11 volunteers x 5 hours = 55 hours

Wednesday 3 July 2013, Robinsbrook Farm and Southbrook Farm on Cadnam River Southbrook Farm – re-did area done by Cubs and Scouts on 27 June 2013. Also pulled downstream of farm buildings towards the bridge on the road but no GPS readings taken.

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett Jan Ratcliffe Paul Moffat

Jacky Adams

Dave White

Paul Byers

Cathy Benyon

Madeline McKenna

Dawn Reith

Rosemary Greenslade

Sue Doyle

11 volunteers x 5 hours = 55 hours

Wednesday 3 July 2013, Burley Grange (Mill Lawn Brook)

Leader: Ashley Basil **Brian Matthews**

1 volunteer x 5 hours = 5 hours

Thursday 4 July 2013, Avon Water

Millstream House

Tangmere House

Volunteer work party 10am - 3pm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Brian Matthews

Mike Rowe

Val Wells Phil Wells

Morag Cuthbertson

Jamie Baker

6 volunteers x 5 hours = 30 hours

Monday 8 July 2013, 10am – 3pm

Morning 10am to 2pm Adam Cleal's field and river bank (no GPS readings taken)

Afternoon 2-3pm Katie & Martyn Cook's river bank

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett Madeline McKenna

Jacky Adams

3 volunteers x 5 hours = 15 hours

Tuesday 9 July 2013, 10am – 3pm **Buckland Wood, Passford Water**

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Ashley Basil

Michael Corbett

Avril Mason

Peter Swain

Brian Matthews

5 volunteers x 5 hours = 25 hours

Wednesday 10 July 2013, 10am – 3pm

Cadnam River

Anne Theron's land

June Tonkyn's land

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett

John Moore

Bev Cross

Mary Parker Paul Hennessey Madeline McKenna

6 volunteers x 5 hours = 30 hours

Wednesday 10 July 2013, Burley (Mill Lawn Brook)

Leader: Ashley Basil Brian Matthews Dave Greatorex

2 volunteers x 5 hours = 10 hours

Thursday 11 July 2013, 10am - 3pm

Cadnam River

Katie and Martyn Cook's land

Withers Farm

Marsh Farm and Stephanie Alford's land

Leader: Catherine Chatters

John Moore

Michael Corbett

Madeline McKenna

Rosemary Greenslade

Dawn Reith

Phil Wells

Val Wells

Bob Annell

Jean Annell

Tara Dempsey

Ben Graff

Stephanie Alford

Jacky Adams

13 volunteers x 5 hours = 65 hours

Sunday 14 July 2013

New Forest Area Conservation Volunteers

Avon Water, by Efford water works for Pete Durnell (HCC)

5 volunteers for a full day (10am – 3pm)

1 volunteer for half a day (10am – 1pm)

5 volunteers x 5 hours = 25 hours

1 volunteer x 3 hours = 3 hours

Monday 15 July 2013

Beaulieu River on Crown Land, 10am - 3pm

Downstream of King's Hat (west and east banks)

Had lunch then re-pulled part of west bank upstream of King's Hat

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Pam Redaing

Derek Tippetts

Michael Corbett

3 volunteers x 5 hours = 15 hours

Tuesday 16 July 2013, 10am – 3pm

Passford Water on Denis Brown's land

Pulled/patrolled the entire length of his ownership

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Ashley Basil

Michael Corbett

Avril Mason David Howes Morag Cuthbertson Jamie Baker Brian Matthews

Mike Rowe

8 volunteers x 5 hours = 40 hours

Tuesday 16 July 2013, 7.30 – 9pm Guides at Fuzzie's Farm on Cadnam River

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett

4 Guides

3 Guide leaders (Kerry Haysted, Iwona Wlodarczyk. Keith Piggott)

8 volunteers x 1.5 hours = 12 hours

Wednesday 17 July 2013, 10am – 3pm Southbrook Farm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett Ben Lundy Peter Swain Jacky Adams Madeline McKenna

Ann Smith Dave White

7 volunteers x 5 hours = 35 hours

Wednesday 17 July 2013, Buckland Wood (Passford Water)

Leader: Ashley Basil Dave Greatorex Brain Matthews Mary Parker Graham Baker

4 volunteers x 5 hours = 20 hours

$Thursday\ 18\ July\ 2013,\ 10am-3pm$

Southbrook Farm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

David Howes Julie Thomas David Thomas Phil Wells Val Wells John Moore

Fiona Oliver-Watkins

Deb Gibbs

8 volunteers x 5 hours = 40 hours

Friday 19 July 2013, 8am – 3pm Vanessa Restall's land on Avon Water

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Brian Matthews

1 volunteer x 7 hours = 7 hours

Monday 22 July 2013, 10am - 3pm

Southbrook Farm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett Jacky Adams Julie Thomas Dave Thomas

Eduardo Antoniou (MBW Finance Dept) Matthew Johnson (BMW Finance Dept) Matt Windsor (BMW Finance Dept)

Stave May (DMW Finance Dept)

Steve May (BMW Finance Dept)

8 volunteers x 5 hours = 40 hours

Tuesday 23 July 2013, 10am – 3pm

Avon Water, below Efford Bridge, mainly east bank but some on west bank

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett Morag Cutherbertson Jamie Baker

Jamie Baker
Brian Matthews
Mary Parker
Mike Rowe
David Howes

7 volunteers x 5 hours = 35 hours

Wednesday 24 July 2013, 10am – 3pm

Fuzzie's Farm on Cadnam River

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett John Moore Bob Annell

Jean Annell

Val Wells Phil Wells

Dave White

Jacky Adams

Peter Swain

Paul Hennessey

F Casey (EA)

David Horne (EA)

Keith Broomfield (EA)

A Minow (EA)

Alana Westrope (EA)

Kaami Islam (EA)

Sheila Baker (EA)

Bill Scott (EA)

Janine Blandford (EA)

19 volunteers x 5 hours = 95 hours

Wednesday 24 July 2013, Buckland Wood (Passford Water)

Leader: Ashley Basil Brian Matthews Graham Baker

2 volunteers x 5 hours = 10 hours

Saturday 27 July 2013, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Fuzzie's Farm on Cadnam River with 1st Brockenhurst Guides

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett Becky Corbett

Miranda Chamberlain

Stephanie Bray

Janette Smethurst

Alicia Zavala

Plus 18 Guides

24 volunteers x 2 hours = 48 hours

$Monday\ 29\ July\ 2013,\ 10am-3pm$

Fuzzie's Farm, Cadnam River

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett

Madeline McKenna

Paul Hennessey

Dave Thomas

Julie Thomas

Val Wells

Phil Wells

Jacky Adams

8 volunteers x 5 hours = 40 hours

Tuesday 30 July 2013, 10am - 3pm

Cadnam Lodge

Leader: Michael Corbett Madeline McKenna

Bob Annell

John Moore

Dave White

Dave Pearson

Mary Parker

David Howes

Peter Swain

Jacky Adams

Catherine Chatters (for 2 hours at end of day)

10 volunteers x 5 hours = 50 hours

Wednesday 31 July 2013, 9am - 1pm

Cadnam River

Bramble Cottage

White Gates, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam

The Orchard, Old Romsey Road, Cadnam

Wittensford House

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett

1 volunteer x 4 hours = 4 hours

Wednesday 31 July 2013, Passford Water from Rushcroft

Leader: Ashley Basil Brian Matthews

1 volunteer x 5 hours = 5 hours

Tuesday 6 August 2013, 10am – 3pm Southbrook Farm

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Michael Corbett

John Moore

Peter Swain

Diane Swain

Jacky Adams

Dave White

Val Wells

Phil Wells

Steve Seagrave

Madeline McKenna

10 volunteers x 5 hours = 50 hours

Thursday 8 August 2013, 10am – 4pm Downstream of Efford Bridge on West bank

Leader: Catherine Chatters Waitrose partner Dana Eddis Waitrose partner Len West Waitrose partner Simonne Vine Waitrose partner Su Blunt

Waitrose partner Nicky House

Brian Matthews

Mike Rowe

Adrian Saunders

Bob Annell

Jean Annell

Mary Parker

Mary Mawdsley

Mike Mawdsley

Tony Morwood-Leyland

2 volunteers x 5 hours = 10 hours

12 volunteers x 6 hours = 72 hours

Friday 9 August 2013, 10am – 3pm Avon Water (Bob Pettett's land)

Leader: Catherine Chatters

Brian Matthews Mary Parker Peter Swain Val Wells

Dave Pearson

David Thomas

Julie Thomas

7 volunteers x 5 hours = 35 hours

Friday 16 August 2013, 9.30am – 2.30pm Avon Water (Bob Pettett's land)

Leader: Mary Parker Brain Matthews Julie Thomas Dave Thomas

4 volunteers x 5 hours = 20 hours

Future event to be held on Saturday 21 September 2013

Patrol along Beaulieu River

Leaders: Bob and Jean Annell

e-mail message from Bob and Jean Annell dated 3 June 2013

Hi Catherine - hope all is well and pulling progressing as planned. We have had two cancelled on Beaulieu already due to lack of plants!

Jean & Bob (e-mail message dated 3 June 2013)

VOLUNTEERS WHO PULLED BALSAM IN NEW FOREST AREA IN 2013

Jacky Adams

Stephanie Alford

Bob Annell

Jean Annell

Eduardo Antoniou (BMW)

Ashley Basil

Jo Basil

Graham Baker

Sheila Baker (EA)

James Baker

Judith Beard (EA)

Cathy Benyon

Janine Blandford (EA)

Su Blunt (Waitrose)

Keith Broomfield (EA)

Norman Browne

Paul Byers

Frances Casey (EA)

Michael Corbett

Becky Corbett

David Creasey

Bev Cross

Morag Cuthbertson

Tara Dempsey

Penny Dent

Sue Doyle

Dana Eddis (Waitrose)

Adrian Fewings (EA)

Deb Gibbs

Ben Graff

Alison Graham-Smith

Dave Greatorex

Rosemary Greenslade

Paul Hennessey

Maxine Holden

David Horne (EA)

Nicky House (Waitrose)

David Howes (placement)

D Hunter (EA)

Kaami Islam (EA)

Zoe James

Matthew Johnson (BMW)

Heb Leman

Matthew Li (BMW)

Rebecca Long

Ben Lundy (work experience)

Steve May (BMW)

Madeline McKenna

Avril Mason

Brian Matthews

Mary Mawdsley

Mike Mawdsley

Antonia Minou (EA)

Paul Moffat (work experience)

John Moore

Antony Morwood-Leyland

Fiona Oliver-Watkins

Mary Parker

Dave Pearson

Janush Ratcliffe

Richard Redsull (EA)

Pam Reading

Dawn Reith

Mike Rowe

Sarah Sadler (BMW)

Adrian Saunders

William (Bill) Scott (EA)

Stephen Seagrave

Claire Sherwood

Ann Smith

Karsten Stumpf (BMW)

Diane Swain

Peter Swain

Tim Sykes (EA)

Julie Thomas

Dave Thomas

Derek Tippetts

Lorrae Wass (Lloyds Bank, Ringwood)

Lois Wells

Phil Wells

Val Wells

Emma West

Len West (Waitrose)

Rebecca Westlake

Alana Westrope (EA)

Dave White

Matt Winsor (BMW)

Michael Wolfe (BMW)

Simonne Vine (Waitrose)

Copythorne Scouts (10 June 2013)

Warren Turvey

Rhys Jones

Plus 2 other adult leaders

16 Scouts

3rd Romsey Cubs and 3rd Romsey Scouts (27 June)

Katie Brown

Ali Maidment

Suzie Jones

Tom Russell

Tristam Harris Sarah Beaman Shona Pickering Simon Pethick One other adult leader 10 Cubs 18 Scouts

Southampton Guides (16 July 2013)

Kerry Haysted Iwona Wlodarczyk Keith Piggott 4 Guides

Brockenhurst Guides (27 July)

Miranda Chamberlain Janette Smethurst Alicie Zavala Stephanie Bray 18 Guides

In addition to the help given by people who have volunteered directly with the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project, the Project Officer is very grateful for the help given by the following people:-

- Volunteers with New Forest Area Conservation Volunteers
- Volunteers with Forestry Commission's Two Trees
- Volunteers with Angela Peters (New Forest Land Advice Service)
- Volunteers with Laura Baker (National Trust)
- Youth Volunteers with Craig Daters
- Volunteers on North Solent National Nature Reserve (NNR) Graham Johnstone of Natural England confirmed that NNR volunteers undertook sweeps along the Beaulieu River 'when they could/felt like it'

